

AGN. NO.

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MARCH 5, 2013

Enhancing Services to Strengthen the 241.1 Project for Crossover Youth

On September 4, 2012, the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in conjunction with key County departments including the departments of Children and Family Services, Public Health and Mental Health, to develop strategies aligned with findings from the 2011 Conrad N. Hilton Report that would better serve transitional age youth who cross between the dependency and delinquency systems and to expand the 241.1 Crossover Youth Project to increase self-reliance in adulthood and reduce the need for public support. The Board further directed the CEO to consider funding sources and to expedite implementation of program expansion.

On November 2, 2012, the CEO provided its recommendations, which included, among other things, expanding mental health services by hiring five additional psychiatric social workers and introducing substance abuse treatment. These support services are fundamental to ensuring this vulnerable youth population is provided the opportunity to thrive.

The departments are in various stages of implementation of these recommendations and some additional administrative steps are necessary.

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THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in conjunction with the Directors of the departments of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Public Health (DPH) and Mental Health (DMH), to implement the 241.1 Crossover Youth Project recommendations identified in its November 2, 2012 report as follows:

1. Instruct the CEO to identify funding in the annual amount of \$1,143,000, prorated for Year 1, to be allocated to DCFS for substance abuse treatment services provided by DPH;
2. Authorize the Director of DPH, or his designee, to amend applicable existing substance use disorder services agreements by incorporating new Statements of Work to increase service capacity and expedite implementation, increasing the current contractual maximum obligations by a pro-rated amount for fiscal year 2012-13 and \$1,143,000 annually thereafter, unless otherwise directed by the Board of Supervisors, for treatment slots dedicated to the 241.1 Crossover Youth Project, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and notification to the Board of the particular contract amendments and amendment totals;
3. Authorize the Director of DMH, or his designee, to include the five additional Psychiatric Social Worker II positions, currently being recruited on CEO-approved ordinance positions in the DMH's Final Budget submission, to support the 241.1 project to be co-located in DCFS offices to improve coordination, totaling an estimated \$572,000, including associated space and supplies costs;
4. Authorize the CEO and affected departments to return to the Board of Supervisors with appropriate budget adjustments to reflect implementation and continuation of the program accordingly; and
5. Direct DCFS to report back to the Board in 60 days on the status of its Prevention Pilot, including any outcomes and implementation –related issues.

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